

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 8/6/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein / 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with Kathleen Long, M.D., for a three (3) year period from August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$210,000 to provide Medical Director services for the California Children's Services (CCS) program.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the chairperson to sign a renewal agreement with Kathleen Long, M.D., for a three (3) year period from August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$210,000 to provide Medical Director services for the CCS program.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal/State/General Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$70,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$70,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001310		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>August 10, 2010</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

CCS is a state program established in 1927. Program staff review, authorize and purchase medical services, and provide medical case management to ensure eligible children receive appropriate diagnostic services, specialized medical care, and related services. Children under the age of 21 with certain diseases, physical limitations or chronic health problems and who meet specified financial guidelines and reside in the county are eligible for the program. Chronic medical conditions include cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, cerebral palsy, heart disease, cancer and traumatic injuries. Families with an adjusted gross income of less than \$40,000 per year qualify for CCS. The program also operates three Medical Therapy Units staffed by CCS physical and occupational therapists in designated public schools in San Luis Obispo County.

The State requires each county to have a CCS Medical Director to provide medical oversight and medical consultation to ensure medical necessity and appropriate utilization by local medical providers. This position is essential to link each child's primary care physician to the CCS approved panel of specialty care physicians within the statewide CCS network. The CCS Medical Director also provides medical consultation for physical and occupational therapy services. The CCS Medical Director attends, participates and represents the County at quarterly CCS Medical Director regional conferences and other state physician meetings.

Since 2002, Kathleen Long, MD, local pediatrician, has fulfilled the duties of the CCS Medical Director/Medical Consultant for the County. Dr. Long has long-standing expertise in the field of pediatrics and is board certified. Dr. Long practiced pediatrics full-time in the San Luis Obispo community from 1980 to 2010. Upon her retirement from the clinical setting she continued to serve as the CCS Medical Director. CCS is a very complex, rule-driven program that takes years to come up to speed. Staff recommends that the Board waive any applicable competitive selection guidelines and approve the renewal agreement with Dr. Long in order to maximize program efficiency and effectiveness due to her institutional knowledge.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the renewal agreement as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The agreement reimburses Dr. Long \$75/hr up to \$70,000 per year for the entire three year agreement. There is no rate increase proposed for this agreement. Dr. Long's service is included in the FY 2013-14 budget. Approval of the renewal agreement will not increase the level of General Fund required by the Health Agency. The following is a summary of the agreement amounts by fiscal year:

FY 2013-14	\$70,000
FY 2014-15	\$70,000
<u>FY 2015-16</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>
Total	\$210,000

RESULTS

Approval of this agreement ensures compliance with all State/Federal laws. The services of a CCS Medical Director are required within every county CCS program. CCS medical consultation is performed by the CCS Medical Director to provide linkage to services for children with serious medical conditions. Providing timely medical care diminishes and can resolve physical complications of medical illness or physical disabilities, which, in turn, can improve the management of medical expenses for each child. The CCS Medical Director determines CCS eligibility for children and serves as a medical liaison to qualified physician specialists who treat CCS eligible children.

All diagnostic, treatment and therapy services provided in CCS are prescribed or ordered by a physician; for difficult cases, the CCS Medical Director assists nursing staff in determining if the physician's orders meet CCS standards and CCS program eligibility requirements. Dr. Long consults with the state and the child's parent, primary care physician and/or physician specialists when the treatment plan is unusual or complicated. In FY 2012/13, the CCS/MTU caseload was 1,100 children.

The CCS program is in alignment with the overall goal of a "Healthy Community." This ongoing agreement between the County and Dr. Long ensures CCS clients, staff and providers access to a qualified Medical Director dedicated to the health and wellbeing of CCS children.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk's Filed Statement for Renewal Agreement with Kathleen Long, MD